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[redacted]. The troops stationed there numbered between 1,200 and 1,300. The majority of buildings at the Camp were built during World War II. I know of no bomb damage. Buildings erected between April and November 1951 are points #17, 19, 21, 22, 23, and 24 of my memory sketch Annex A. See also [redacted].

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Annex A.

[redacted] Memory sketch of the Military Camp at Eger

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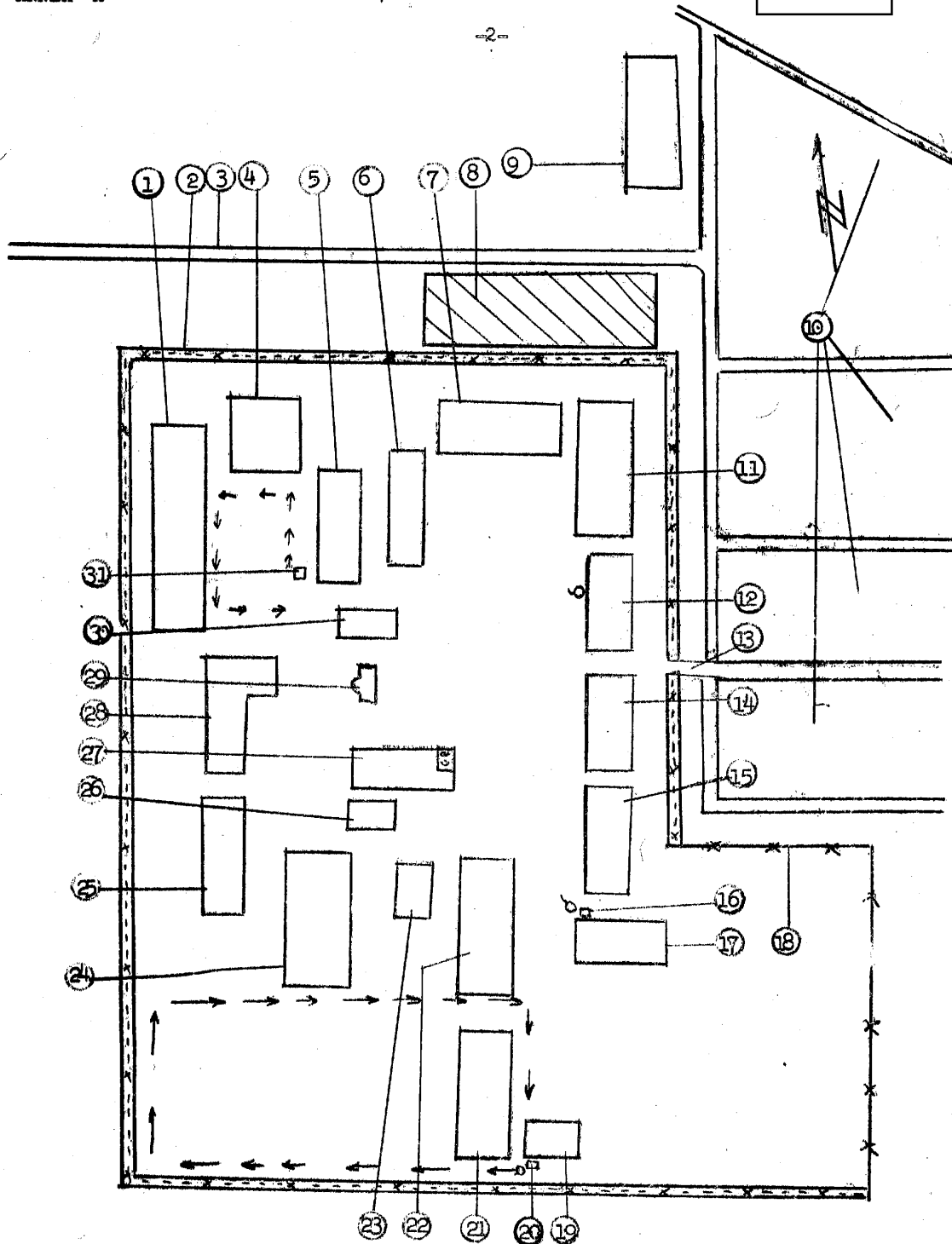
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Sketch of the Military Camp in Eger

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Legend

1. Supply building, single story, brick construction, 38 x 10 x 8 m., hipped tile roof. Windows and doors along east side only. Building used as clothing issue point.
2. Wall, brick, four meters high, 1½ m. thick, three strands of barbed wire on top.
3. Road, third class, dirt, used by troops to go to maneuver area and to adjacent obstacle course.
4. Supply building, single story, brick construction, 20 x 10 x 8 m., hipped tile roof. Used to house small arms, rifles, Tommy guns, machine guns, which were stored and available for issue. The armament stored here could supply 300 men.
5. Supply building, single story, reinforced concrete construction, 18 x 10 x 8 m. Flat deck type roof. Used to store small caliber ammunition, hand grenades and rifle ammunition.
6. Repair shop and prison, single story, brick construction, 18 x 10 x 8 m., hipped tile roof. North end used to repair pistols, rifles, Tommy guns, with eight soldiers working five days a week. Prison was in south end of building. Eight rooms, windows barred.
7. Barracks, brick construction, 30 x 10 x 25 m., hipped tile roof, three stories, windows on all sides of all three floors, basement under entire building. Used as class rooms for instruction in pistols, rifle and submachine guns.
8. Obstacle course, area 50 x 20 m. Used by all troops three or four times per week, one to three hours each period. Obstacles very similar to US type.
9. Dispensary building, three story, brick construction, 30 x 10 x 25 m., hipped tile roof, 40 bed capacity, two permanent doctors. Very poor medical services were provided.
10. Eger. Small family-type quarters in this part of town. Adjacent roads were cobblestone, three to four meters wide, in good condition.
11. Barracks, three stories, brick construction, 30 x 10 x 25 m., hipped tile roof, basement under entire building. First Battalion troop barracks -- 400 men.
12. Headquarters building, three story, brick construction, 20 x 8 x 25 m., hipped tile roof. Regiment Headquarters and staff offices. Basement.
13. Gate, heavy wire, kept closed, with guard posted 24 hours. Passes and orders were carefully checked upon leaving camp.
14. Barracks building, three stories, brick construction, 20 x 8 x 25 m., hipped tile roof. First floor used as visitors' reception center. Second and third floors were troop quarters. Basement.
15. Barracks building, three stories, brick construction, 20 x 8 x 25 m., hipped roof, basement. Troop barracks -- 350 men.
16. Guards and guard house. The entire camp guard consisted of eight sentries, posted 24 hours a day on four-hour shifts, equipped with Tommy guns and automatic rifles. There were four guard houses, one man type.
17. Building, two stories, reinforced concrete construction, 18 x 8 x 20 m., flat deck type roof. Used as headquarters offices for 2nd and 3rd battalions. This building housed both battalion commanding officers.
18. Fence, heavy wire, three-four strands on top, 3.5 m. high.
19. Storage building, single story, reinforced concrete construction, 10 x 6 x 8 m., flat deck type roof. Used for small arms storage.
20. Guard and guard house, same as Point #16, this report.
21. Barracks, three stories, reinforced concrete construction, 30 x 10 x 25 m., flat deck type roof. 3rd Battalion troop barracks.
22. Barracks, three stories, reinforced concrete construction, 30 x 10 x 25 m., flat deck type roof. 2nd Battalion troop barracks.
23. Mess hall, single story, reinforced concrete construction, 20 x 15 x 8 m., flat deck type roof. Used by 2nd and 3rd Battalion troops.
24. Assembly hall, single story, reinforced concrete, 30 x 14 x 8 m., flat deck type roof.

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Legend (Cont'd)

25. Artillery storage building, single story, reinforced concrete construction, flat deck roof. Following type armament housed here: four 45 mm. M1937 AT Guns, two 57 mm. M1943, one 76 mm. M1942 AT Gun. All were in very poor condition, well worn from World War II usage.
26. Shower, single story, brick construction, 10 x 8 x 6 m., hipped tile roof.
27. Headquarters building, two stories, reinforced concrete construction, 18 x 18 x 8 m., flat deck type roof, occupied by 1st Battalion commanding officer and staff.
28. Mess hall, single story, brick construction, 18 x 10 x 8 m., hipped tile roof. Used as mess hall, kitchen and canteen for 300 men. The food was very poor, although better than the Officers Mess. I often ate at the enlisted men's mess because of the somewhat better quality of food. Dinner usually consisted of soup and soup meat with vegetables, but it was difficult to find very many pieces of meat in individual bowls. Supper was usually a cold meal consisting of cold cuts and black bread.
29. Monument in small compound, consisted of bust of Stalin, which officers were required to salute each time they passed. Enlisted men were required to strut (goose-step fashion) and hold a salute until they passed the compound area. This was strictly enforced, although resented greatly by enlisted men and the majority of officers.
30. Officers' mess, one story, reinforced concrete construction, 10 x 6 x 10 m., flat deck roof. Fed about 40-50 officers. The food was much poorer than the enlisted men's mess and prices were considered high for meals. The Regimental commanding officer sat at his private table in the center of the room. The building also had a small sitting room and a small kitchen.
31. Guard and guard house, same as Point #16, this report.

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